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SBA REPRESENTATIVES TO SPEAK AT GOVERNOR RICK PERRY'S SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT

San Antonio, TX – A/District Director J. Adalberto Quijada, Business Relations Specialist Cindy Solano, Business Development Specialists Mary Alice Blanco and Debra Dimando will represent the San Antonio District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) at Governor Rick Perry's Small Business Summit scheduled for August 26, 2005.

A/District Director J. Adalberto Quijada will help kick off the event by providing welcoming remarks to Governor Perry and other dignitaries on behalf of SBA. Mr. Quijada will also be present at SBA participating breakout sessions to personally greet small business owners and contractors.

Business Development Specialist Mary Alice Blanco will act as moderator at the morning breakout session entitled "Financing Business Growth and Expansion." The session is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.

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and will provide a diverse agenda of financing options available to entrepreneurs and small business owners in need of capital. Business Relations Specialist Cindy Solano will participate in this session and will discuss the various financing programs available through SBA. During her discussion Mrs. Solano will explain how SBA and its programs work, how to apply for an SBA government guaranteed loan, and provide information on SBA's resources partners. SBA's resource partners play a major role in assisting small businesses by providing counseling, technical assistance, training, educational classes, and funds through other resources.

Business Development Specialist Debra Dimando will participate in the 3:15 p.m. breakout session entitled "Local, State, and Federal HUB Certification Programs. Ms. Dimando will discuss the 8(a) and HUBZone Certification programs available through SBA. The 8(a) Program is SBA's effort to promote equal access for socially and economically disadvantaged individuals to participate in the business sector of the nation's economy. The HUBZone Program provides eligible small business concerns opportunities to compete for federal contracting opportunities set aside for the HUBZone Program. The program also provides for a price evaluation

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preference when competing on full and open competition contracts.

Don't miss these out on hearing how you can participate with SBA and acquire much needed funding for your business. The summit is scheduled for August 26, 2005 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX. For a schedule of events, go to

www.governor.state.tx.us/divisions/ecodev/sba/sasummit.

For information on SBA programs and services call (210) 403-5900 and you will be directed to a business specialist to assist you.

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